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MAIN FEATURES

Home ownership

- . 73 per cent of all households either owned or were purchasing their accommodation, while 24 per cent of all households paid rent for their accommodation. The remaining 6 per cent of households occupied their accommodation rent-free.
- . Households with a male head represented 84 per cent of households who owned or were purchasing their accommodation, and 70 per cent of households paying rent for their accommodation.
- . Home ownership amongst households with the household head born in Italy, Greece or Yugoslavia was higher (83 per cent) than that for households with the household head born in Australia or a "Main English speaking country" (72 per cent).
- . Over three-quarters of households with a married household head owned their accommodation, while only 56 per cent of households with a not-married head owned their accommodation.
- . Home ownership in the six State capital city areas of Australia (75 per cent) was slightly higher than that for other areas of Australia (71 per cent).

Households paying rent for Accommodation

- . 76 per cent of households paying rent for accommodation paid their rent to a real estate agent or private landlord, while 18 per cent of rent-paying households paid their rent to a government authority. Six per cent of rent paying households paid their rent to their employer.
- . 50 per cent of households paying rent for accommodation occupied a detached house, while 26 per cent occupied a flat or unit and 24 per cent occupied another type of dwelling (eg semi-detached house, caravan).
- . The average weekly rent for households renting from a government authority was \$24.29, for households renting from their employer it was \$16.62, while households renting from a real estate agent or private landlord paid an average weekly rent of \$41.89.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In November 1978 a (supplementary) survey, based on the monthly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about rented accommodation. Information was obtained in respect of type of dwelling, rent paid, number of bedrooms, etc.

2. As the survey was concerned with rent paid and other household details, only one person in each household surveyed was asked the survey questions. Wherever possible, this person was the household head. In most cases, information on household and personal demographic characteristics was obtained directly from the head of the household. If the household head was not available for interview, information in respect of the head was obtained from another responsible adult in the household.

3. If the household head was outside the scope or the coverage of the survey (see paragraph 6), information was obtained in respect of another responsible adult in the household.

4. For the purposes of this survey these persons have been treated as household heads and are included in that category in relevant tables in this publication. The number of such cases was, however, very small.

The monthly population survey

5. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. (Non-privately occupied dwellings were *excluded* from the supplementary survey of rented accommodation.) Information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews generally being conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and the 12th of each month.

Scope of the estimates

6. The estimates relate to all privately occupied dwellings, except those occupied entirely by:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments
- (c) non-Australians on tour, or holidaying, in Australia
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia, or
- (e) visitors to the dwelling.

Definitions

7. For purposes of this supplementary survey, *households* belong to one of three occupancy categories: (i) those which own their accommodation or are purchasing it by means of mortgage or some other form of finance, (ii) those which are renting their accommodation, or (iii) those which occupy their accommodation rent-free, or on some other basis.

8. *Government landlords* comprise any State Housing Department, Trust or Commission, the Department of the Capital Territory or the Northern Territory Housing Commission.

9. *Semi-detached houses* include terraced houses, villa units and town houses. A *low rise flat or unit* is a flat or unit contained in a structure having less than four storeys of dwelling units and a *high rise flat or unit* is one within a structure having four or more storeys of dwelling units.

Reliability of the estimates

10. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. An indication of the likely differences is given in the Technical Note, page 12. See also paragraph 6 of the Technical Note regarding non-sampling errors.

Comparability with data from other sources

11. Care should be taken in comparing data from this survey with that obtained from other sources. For example, because the methodology of the survey was oriented towards obtaining detailed information

regarding home rental, the figures shown for home ownership may not be strictly comparable with similar data derived from the Population Census and Household Expenditure Survey estimates. Also, under the self-enumeration methodology used in the Population Census, substantial numbers of households are classified to the "other" and "not stated" categories.

Related publications

12. Users may wish to refer to the following publication which is available on request:

Survey of Home Rental and Ownership (Preliminary), November 1978 (8709.0)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 10 above.
- .. not applicable

13. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. HOUSEHOLDS : NATURE OF OCCUPANCY AND MARITAL STATUS OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD (a)
(^{'000})

<i>Marital status and age of household head</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Renter</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Other (b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
		<i>Government landlord (c)</i>	<i>Other landlords</i>			
Married head aged –						
15-24 years	52.9	7.4	81.3	88.7	6.3	148.0
25-29 years	237.2	15.1	106.2	121.3	10.1	368.6
30-34 years	334.3	14.0	78.8	92.8	11.1	438.2
35-64 years	1,633.2	65.9	173.4	239.3	30.2	1,902.8
65 years and over	342.8	14.4	18.9	33.3	6.5	382.6
Total	2,600.5	116.9	458.6	575.4	64.2	3,240.1
Not married head aged –						
15-24 years	15.5	5.8	142.6	148.5	7.5	171.4
25-29 years	33.5	5.7	77.9	83.6	*	121.3
30-34 years	38.4	6.5	46.0	52.5	*	93.3
35-64 years	333.6	37.0	125.4	162.5	17.0	513.1
65 years and over	303.5	25.8	44.8	70.6	19.1	393.2
Total	724.5	80.9	436.7	517.6	50.2	1,292.3
All private households with head of household aged –						
15-24 years	68.4	13.2	224.0	237.2	13.8	319.4
25-29 years	270.7	20.8	184.1	204.9	14.2	489.8
30-34 years	372.7	20.5	124.8	145.3	13.5	531.5
35-64 years	1,966.9	103.0	298.8	401.8	47.2	2,415.9
65 years and over	646.3	40.2	63.7	103.9	25.6	775.9
Total	3,325.0	197.8	895.3	1,093.1	114.4	4,532.5

(a) See paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (b) Includes households occupying their accommodation rent-free. (c) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 2. HOUSEHOLDS : NATURE OF OCCUPANCY BY METROPOLITAN AREA
(^{'000})

<i>State capital city</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Renter</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Other (b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
		<i>Government landlord (a)</i>	<i>Other landlords</i>			
Sydney	763.3	33.5	220.6	254.1	15.4	1,032.9
Melbourne	650.0	19.7	175.3	195.0	9.5	854.5
Brisbane	246.1	8.3	65.1	73.4	5.1	324.6
Adelaide	224.4	31.3	51.2	82.5	3.9	310.8
Perth	204.8	16.0	54.8	70.9	3.9	279.6
Hobart	39.6	3.4	9.8	13.2	*	53.6
Six state capital cities	2,128.3	112.3	576.8	689.1	38.6	2,856.0
Other areas (c)	1,196.7	85.5	318.5	404.0	75.8	1,676.5
Australia	3,325.0	197.8	895.3	1,093.1	114.4	4,532.5

(a) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes. (b) Includes private households occupying their accommodation rent-free. (c) Comprises the non-metropolitan areas of the six states and the whole of the N.T. and the ACT.

TABLE 3. HOUSEHOLDS : NATURE OF OCCUPANCY AND MARITAL STATUS
OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD BY STATE CAPITAL CITY (a)
(000)

<i>Nature of occupancy, marital status and age of household head</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Total</i>
Owner households –									
Married head aged –									
15-24 years	9.5	8.3	5.1	4.4	3.4	*	31.2	21.8	52.9
25-29 years	47.3	45.8	19.6	17.6	16.6	3.6	150.5	86.7	237.2
30-34 years	76.9	65.7	27.0	23.5	22.7	4.3	220.1	114.3	334.3
35-44 years	136.5	129.8	42.9	40.9	39.9	7.1	397.1	211.8	608.8
45-54 years	132.9	117.2	40.2	38.6	35.1	6.6	370.6	201.4	572.0
55-64 years	101.0	89.1	31.0	32.1	25.0	5.4	283.6	168.8	452.4
65 years and over	73.5	59.6	24.2	21.8	19.6	4.1	202.7	140.1	342.8
Total	577.5	515.4	190.0	179.0	162.2	31.5	1,655.7	944.8	2,600.5
Not Married (b) head aged –									
15-24 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	9.6	5.9	15.5
25-29 years	8.2	8.6	*	2.5	*	*	24.1	9.4	33.5
30-34 years	11.1	8.2	*	2.5	3.3	*	27.9	10.5	38.4
35-44 years	20.9	15.9	3.9	5.2	5.9	*	52.8	21.9	74.7
45-54 years	26.8	17.6	7.1	6.8	6.1	*	65.7	34.8	100.5
55-64 years	40.3	27.5	14.2	9.2	7.6	2.1	100.9	57.5	158.4
65 years and over	74.8	54.8	25.1	17.5	16.7	2.8	191.7	111.8	303.5
Total	185.9	134.6	56.1	45.4	42.6	8.1	472.6	251.9	724.5
Renting households –									
Married head aged –									
15-24 years	17.1	16.3	6.9	5.2	5.1	*	51.9	36.8	88.7
25-29 years	27.1	16.3	8.7	7.6	7.4	*	68.0	53.3	121.3
30-34 years	20.8	11.1	5.5	3.5	5.1	*	47.0	45.8	92.8
35-44 years	25.2	14.7	6.2	5.4	5.7	*	58.3	53.8	112.0
45-54 years	17.8	9.8	4.5	6.3	3.6	*	42.8	34.4	77.2
55-64 years	12.2	7.3	3.5	4.3	2.9	*	30.8	19.3	50.1
65 years and over	6.7	4.8	*	5.8	3.3	*	23.5	9.8	33.3
Total	127.0	80.4	37.4	38.2	33.1	6.2	322.3	253.1	575.4
Not married (b) head aged –									
15-24 years	29.9	31.6	11.4	11.8	10.0	2.8	97.5	50.9	148.5
25-29 years	21.2	18.6	5.2	6.9	5.9	*	58.8	24.8	83.6
30-34 years	14.7	13.6	*	4.9	4.3	*	41.2	11.3	52.5
35-44 years	14.9	13.7	4.0	3.7	4.5	*	41.3	18.3	59.6
45-54 years	13.6	13.9	4.2	4.4	3.5	*	40.1	14.7	54.8
55-64 years	13.5	9.6	3.9	4.2	3.7	*	35.9	12.1	48.0
65 years and over	19.3	13.5	4.0	8.4	6.0	*	51.9	18.7	70.6
Total	127.2	114.6	35.9	44.3	37.8	7.0	366.8	150.9	517.6
Total owner and renting households (c) –									
Married head aged –									
15-24 years	26.5	25.4	12.3	9.9	8.7	1.9	84.8	63.2	148.0
25-29 years	75.5	63.0	28.7	25.6	24.2	4.5	221.4	147.2	368.6
30-34 years	98.5	77.9	33.0	27.3	27.8	5.2	269.6	168.6	438.2
35-44 years	162.6	145.6	49.3	46.7	45.9	8.2	458.3	276.8	735.1
45-54 years	151.8	127.4	45.1	45.3	39.1	7.5	416.2	242.7	658.9
55-64 years	114.0	96.8	34.8	36.6	28.1	6.1	316.5	192.3	508.8
65 years and over	81.5	64.7	26.8	27.9	23.7	4.8	229.3	153.3	382.6
Total	710.3	600.8	229.9	219.4	197.4	38.2	1,996.0	1,244.1	3,240.1
Not married (b) head aged –									
15-24 years	35.2	34.4	12.6	13.6	10.9	3.1	109.8	61.6	171.4
25-29 years	29.8	27.8	7.6	9.7	8.3	*	84.6	36.7	121.3
30-34 years	26.2	21.8	5.6	7.6	7.7	*	70.0	23.2	93.3
35-44 years	36.5	29.6	8.1	8.9	10.5	1.5	95.0	43.1	138.1
45-54 years	40.8	32.2	11.7	11.4	9.8	1.7	107.6	52.6	160.2
55-64 years	55.5	37.8	18.6	13.9	11.8	3.1	140.7	74.1	214.8
65 years and over	98.4	70.1	30.5	26.3	23.2	3.6	252.2	141.0	393.2
Total	322.5	253.8	94.7	91.4	82.1	15.4	860.0	432.4	1,292.3
Total									
15-24 years	61.8	59.8	24.9	23.5	19.6	5.0	194.6	124.8	319.4
25-29 years	105.3	90.8	36.2	35.2	32.5	5.9	306.0	183.8	489.8
30-34 years	124.8	99.7	38.6	34.9	35.4	6.3	339.7	191.8	531.5
35-44 years	199.0	175.2	57.4	55.6	56.3	9.7	553.3	319.9	873.2
45-54 years	192.6	159.6	56.8	56.8	48.9	9.1	523.8	295.3	819.1
55-64 years	169.5	134.6	53.4	50.6	39.9	9.2	457.1	266.5	723.6
65 years and over	179.9	134.8	57.3	54.1	46.9	8.4	481.5	294.3	775.9
Total	1,032.9	854.5	324.6	310.8	279.6	53.6	2,856.0	1,676.5	4,532.5

(a) See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (b) Comprises persons who were separated, divorced, widowed or never married. (c) Includes private households occupying their accommodation rent-free.

TABLE 4. HOUSEHOLDS : NON-OWNER OCCUPIER HEADS WHO OWN A DWELLING ELSEWHERE ('000)

<i>Sex of household head (a)</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Not married</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male aged —			
15-24 years	*	*	*
25-29 years	9.1	*	11.1
30-34 years	14.7	*	16.2
35-64 years	31.3	5.5	36.9
65 years and over	*	*	*
<i>Total</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>70.2</i>
Female aged —			
15-24 years	*	*	*
25-29 years	*	*	*
30-34 years	*	*	*
35-64 years	*	5.7	6.7
65 years and over	*	*	*
<i>Total</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>13.5</i>
Total persons aged —			
15-24 years	*	*	4.7
25-29 years	9.5	*	13.2
30-34 years	15.8	*	19.2
35-64 years	32.4	11.2	43.6
65 years and over	*	*	*
<i>Total</i>	<i>63.1</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>83.7</i>

(a) See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 5. HOUSEHOLDS : NATURE OF OCCUPANCY AND SEX OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD (a) ('000)

<i>Nature of occupancy</i>	<i>Households with Male head</i>			<i>Households with Female head</i>			<i>All households</i>		
	<i>State capital city</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>State capital city</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>State capital city</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Total</i>
Owner —									
N.S.W.	623.4	357.0	980.4	140.0	66.9	206.9	763.3	423.9	1,187.2
Vic	551.9	228.9	780.8	98.1	35.9	134.0	650.0	264.8	914.8
Qld	201.3	218.4	419.7	44.8	37.6	82.5	246.1	256.0	502.1
S.A.	191.4	68.3	259.7	33.0	9.2	42.2	224.4	77.4	301.8
W.A.	172.8	58.7	231.4	32.0	5.3	37.3	204.8	64.0	268.7
Tas	33.5	49.1	82.6	6.1	7.6	13.7	39.6	56.8	96.4
N.T.	..	6.9	6.9	..	*	*	..	7.5	7.5
A.C.T.	..	39.9	39.9	..	6.5	6.5	..	46.4	46.4
<i>Australia</i>	<i>1,774.2</i>	<i>1,027.1</i>	<i>2,801.3</i>	<i>354.1</i>	<i>169.5</i>	<i>523.6</i>	<i>2,128.3</i>	<i>1,196.7</i>	<i>3,325.0</i>
Renter —									
N.S.W.	172.1	93.8	265.9	82.0	39.6	121.6	254.1	133.4	387.5
Vic	129.9	44.2	174.2	65.0	13.5	78.5	195.0	57.7	252.7
Qld	47.6	66.6	114.2	25.8	19.6	45.4	73.4	86.2	159.6
S.A.	53.0	27.0	80.0	29.4	5.9	35.4	82.5	32.9	115.4
W.A.	47.9	34.3	82.1	23.0	6.0	29.0	70.9	40.3	111.2
Tas	8.9	13.0	21.9	4.3	4.5	8.8	13.2	17.6	30.8
N.T.	..	14.1	14.1	..	3.4	3.4	..	17.4	17.4
A.C.T.	..	13.0	13.0	..	5.6	5.6	..	18.6	18.6
<i>Australia</i>	<i>459.4</i>	<i>306.0</i>	<i>765.4</i>	<i>229.6</i>	<i>98.1</i>	<i>327.7</i>	<i>689.1</i>	<i>404.0</i>	<i>1,093.1</i>
Other (b) —									
N.S.W.	8.9	17.5	26.4	6.5	*	10.9	15.4	21.9	37.3
Vic	6.4	10.0	16.4	*	*	5.9	9.5	12.8	22.3
Qld	2.8	16.5	19.3	*	4.3	6.5	5.1	20.8	25.8
S.A.	2.6	3.7	6.3	*	*	2.2	3.9	4.6	8.5
W.A.	2.6	7.0	9.6	*	*	*	3.9	7.5	11.4
Tas	*	2.4	2.8	*	*	*	*	3.1	3.8
N.T.	..	4.3	4.3	..	*	*	..	4.9	4.9
A.C.T.	..	*	*	..	*	*	..	*	*
<i>Australia</i>	<i>23.7</i>	<i>61.5</i>	<i>85.3</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>29.1</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>75.8</i>	<i>114.4</i>
Total									
N.S.W.	804.4	468.2	1,272.6	228.5	110.9	339.4	1,032.9	579.2	1,612.0
Vic	688.2	283.1	971.3	166.3	52.1	218.4	854.5	335.2	1,189.7
Qld	251.7	301.5	553.2	72.9	61.5	134.4	324.6	363.0	687.5
S.A.	247.1	98.9	346.0	63.7	16.0	79.7	310.8	114.9	425.7
W.A.	223.2	100.0	323.2	56.4	11.7	68.1	279.6	111.7	391.3
Tas	42.8	64.6	107.3	10.9	12.8	23.7	53.6	77.4	131.0
N.T.	..	25.2	25.2	..	4.6	4.6	..	29.8	29.8
A.C.T.	..	53.1	53.1	..	12.2	12.2	..	65.3	65.3
<i>Australia</i>	<i>2,257.4</i>	<i>1,394.6</i>	<i>3,652.0</i>	<i>598.6</i>	<i>281.8</i>	<i>880.5</i>	<i>2,856.0</i>	<i>1,676.5</i>	<i>4,532.3</i>

(a) See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (b) Includes private households occupying their accommodation rent-free.

TABLE 6. HOUSEHOLDS : NATURE OF OCCUPANCY AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD (a)
(000)

Nature of occupancy	Country of birth of household head (a)										Total born overseas	Total
	Main English speaking Countries				Other Countries							
	Australia	UK/Ireland	Other (b)	Total	Italy	Greece	Yugoslavia	Other	Total			
Owner —												
N.S.W.	876.6	108.7	16.1	124.8	18.6	15.8	8.3	143.1	185.8	310.6	1,187.2	
Vic	618.9	90.4	5.2	95.6	31.1	23.3	14.1	131.7	200.2	295.9	914.8	
Qld	408.6	43.9	5.6	49.5	*	*	*	36.4	44.0	93.5	502.1	
S.A.	203.0	43.6	*	45.7	7.5	3.9	3.8	37.9	53.1	98.8	301.8	
W.A.	162.2	52.6	5.5	58.0	*	4.3	4.2	37.8	48.5	106.5	268.7	
Tas	82.8	8.2	*	8.8	*	*	*	3.5	4.8	13.6	96.4	
N.T.	5.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.1	7.5	
A.C.T.	30.2	6.6	*	8.2	*	*	*	5.9	8.1	16.2	46.4	
Australia	2,387.6	354.6	36.8	391.5	63.2	50.7	34.9	397.2	545.9	937.4	3,325.0	
Non-Owner (c) —												
N.S.W.	306.0	49.6	11.7	61.4	*	4.9	*	46.2	57.4	118.8	424.8	
Vic	193.3	32.8	7.0	39.7	4.5	*	*	31.7	41.9	81.6	274.9	
Qld	150.6	17.4	5.6	23.0	*	*	*	10.2	11.8	34.8	185.4	
S.A.	89.1	23.1	*	24.4	*	*	*	6.8	10.5	34.8	123.9	
W.A.	76.7	27.7	5.0	32.7	*	*	*	10.8	13.2	45.9	122.6	
Tas	30.2	2.6	*	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	4.4	34.6	
N.T.	15.5	*	2.1	3.8	*	*	*	2.4	2.9	6.8	22.3	
A.C.T.	12.6	2.2	*	3.0	*	*	*	2.4	3.3	6.3	18.9	
Australia	874.1	157.2	33.9	191.1	10.2	10.9	9.6	111.7	142.3	333.4	1,207.5	
Total												
N.S.W.	1,182.6	158.4	27.8	186.2	22.1	20.7	11.2	189.3	243.2	429.4	1,612.0	
Vic	812.2	123.2	12.2	135.4	35.6	27.0	16.1	163.4	242.1	377.5	1,189.7	
Qld	559.2	61.3	11.3	72.5	*	*	3.5	46.7	55.8	128.3	687.6	
S.A.	292.1	66.8	3.3	70.1	8.2	4.7	6.0	44.7	63.5	133.6	425.7	
W.A.	238.9	80.3	10.4	90.7	2.5	5.2	5.4	48.6	61.7	152.4	391.3	
Tas	112.9	10.8	*	11.9	*	*	*	4.6	6.1	18.1	131.0	
N.T.	20.9	2.4	2.2	4.6	*	*	*	3.3	4.3	8.9	29.8	
A.C.T.	42.8	8.8	2.3	11.1	*	*	*	8.4	11.4	22.5	65.3	
Australia	3,261.7	511.8	70.7	582.5	73.4	61.5	44.5	508.9	688.2	1,270.7	4,532.5	

(a) See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (b) Comprises USA, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa. (c) Includes private households occupying their accommodation rent-free.

TABLE 7. HOUSEHOLDS : BIRTHPLACE OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD (a) AND YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA ('000)

<i>Birthplace of household head</i>	<i>State capital city</i>		<i>Other Areas</i>		<i>Total</i>		<i>Total (b)</i>
	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Renter</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Renter</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Renter</i>	
<i>Born in Australia</i>	1,383.6	450.4	1,004.0	331.4	2,387.6	781.8	3,261.7
<i>Born in main English speaking countries (c) —</i>							
Arrived before 1961	151.1	42.7	64.7	17.9	215.8	60.7	283.0
1961-1965	42.8	19.4	10.8	7.1	53.6	26.5	81.4
1966-1970	57.5	26.7	10.9	11.0	68.4	37.7	108.1
1971-1976	37.6	26.6	9.8	8.0	47.3	34.6	83.7
1977-1978	4.9	14.7	*	*	6.4	18.6	26.3
<i>Total</i>	293.9	130.2	97.6	47.9	391.5	178.1	582.5
<i>Born in other countries —</i>							
Arrived before 1961	270.9	34.1	71.0	13.1	341.9	47.1	394.8
1961-1965	62.3	9.1	8.8	*	71.1	11.9	83.7
1966-1970	72.8	22.1	8.5	*	81.4	26.2	108.5
1971-1976	41.3	30.8	6.4	*	47.6	34.2	83.2
1977-1978	*	12.5	*	*	*	13.8	18.1
<i>Total</i>	450.8	108.5	95.1	24.7	545.9	133.2	688.2
<i>Total born overseas —</i>							
Arrived before 1961	422.0	76.8	135.6	31.0	557.6	107.8	677.8
1961-1965	105.1	28.5	19.6	9.9	124.7	38.4	165.1
1966-1970	130.4	48.8	19.4	15.0	149.8	63.9	216.6
1971-1976	78.8	57.4	16.1	11.4	94.9	68.8	166.8
1977-1978	8.4	27.2	*	5.3	10.4	32.5	44.4
<i>Total</i>	744.7	238.7	192.7	72.6	937.4	311.3	1,270.7
Total	2,128.3	689.1	1,196.7	404.0	3,325.0	1,093.1	4,532.5

(a) See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (b) Includes private households occupying their accommodation rent-free. (c) Comprises UK/Ireland, USA, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

TABLE 8. HOUSEHOLDS PAYING RENT : SEX OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD (a) AND TYPE OF LANDLORD, BY TYPE OF DWELLING ('000)

	State Capital city				Other areas				Total			
	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (b)	Total	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (b)	Total	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (b)	Total
SEX OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD												
Male household head aged –												
15-24 years	31.3	37.7	25.7	94.8	36.3	8.6	15.0	59.8	67.6	46.3	40.8	154.6
25-29 years	40.2	31.3	20.4	91.9	48.4	7.0	10.0	65.4	88.6	38.3	30.4	157.3
30-34 years	28.7	18.0	15.9	62.6	36.9	4.8	5.8	47.5	65.6	22.8	21.7	110.1
35-64 years	82.7	49.8	43.6	176.0	93.3	10.7	15.5	119.6	176.0	60.5	59.1	295.6
65 years and over	11.9	9.2	12.9	34.0	7.9	*	*	13.7	19.8	11.1	16.8	47.7
Total	194.9	146.0	118.6	459.4	222.8	32.9	50.3	306.0	417.6	178.9	168.8	765.4
Female household head aged –												
15-24 years	18.1	23.8	12.8	54.7	13.6	*	9.9	27.9	31.7	28.2	22.7	82.6
25-29 years	12.9	13.8	8.2	34.9	7.9	*	*	12.7	20.7	15.1	11.8	47.6
30-34 years	11.2	8.3	6.0	25.5	7.5	*	*	9.6	18.7	9.1	7.3	35.1
35-64 years	27.6	27.6	18.0	73.2	20.5	5.9	6.5	33.0	48.1	33.5	24.6	106.2
65 years and over	7.5	18.6	15.2	41.4	5.7	*	7.4	14.9	13.2	20.4	22.6	56.3
Total	77.3	92.1	60.3	229.6	55.1	14.2	28.7	98.1	132.4	106.3	89.0	327.7
Total –												
Household heads aged –												
15-24 years	49.4	61.5	38.6	149.5	49.8	13.0	24.9	87.7	99.3	74.5	63.5	237.2
25-29 years	53.1	45.1	28.7	126.8	56.2	8.3	13.5	78.0	109.3	53.4	42.2	204.9
30-34 years	39.9	26.3	21.9	88.1	44.4	5.6	7.1	57.1	84.3	31.9	29.0	145.3
35-64 years	110.3	77.3	61.6	249.2	113.9	16.6	22.1	152.6	224.1	94.0	83.7	401.8
65 years and over	19.5	27.9	28.1	75.4	13.6	*	11.3	28.5	33.0	31.5	39.4	103.9
Total	272.1	238.1	178.8	689.1	277.9	47.2	79.0	404.0	550.0	285.2	257.8	1,093.1
TYPE OF LANDLORD												
Rent paid to –												
Government authority (c) –												
Household head aged –												
15-24 years	*	*	*	5.5	5.4	*	*	7.8	8.0	*	*	13.2
25-29 years	*	*	*	8.8	9.7	*	*	12.0	13.3	*	5.2	20.8
30-34 years	6.4	*	*	11.1	7.0	*	*	9.3	13.5	*	*	20.5
35-64 years	31.7	10.8	16.0	58.5	35.2	*	5.4	44.5	66.9	14.7	21.4	103.0
65 years and over	5.1	9.1	14.1	28.3	6.0	*	4.6	11.9	11.1	10.4	18.7	40.2
Total	49.4	25.4	37.4	112.2	63.5	7.3	14.8	85.5	112.9	32.7	52.2	197.8
Rent paid to –												
Employer (d) –												
Household head aged –												
15-24 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.6	*	*	*	6.3
25-29 years	*	*	*	*	10.9	*	*	12.4	11.6	*	*	13.2
30-34 years	*	*	*	*	12.5	*	*	13.4	13.0	*	*	13.8
35-64 years	5.5	*	*	6.8	25.3	*	*	27.5	30.8	*	*	34.3
65 years and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	7.4	*	*	8.8	52.6	*	*	59.1	59.9	*	*	68.0
Rent paid to –												
Other recipients (e) –												
Household head aged –												
15-24 years	46.2	59.8	37.3	143.2	40.8	11.4	22.2	74.4	87.0	71.2	59.5	217.6
25-29 years	48.8	43.1	25.3	117.2	35.6	6.4	11.6	53.6	84.4	49.6	36.9	170.8
30-34 years	33.0	24.4	19.1	76.5	24.8	*	5.2	34.4	57.9	28.7	24.3	110.9
35-64 years	73.1	66.1	44.8	184.0	53.3	12.0	15.2	80.5	126.4	78.1	60.0	264.5
65 years and over	14.4	18.8	13.9	47.1	7.3	*	6.7	16.4	21.7	21.2	20.7	63.5
Total	215.4	212.2	140.5	568.0	161.9	36.6	60.9	259.3	377.2	248.8	201.4	827.3
Total –												
Household heads aged –												
15-24 years	49.4	61.5	38.6	149.5	49.8	13.0	24.9	87.7	99.3	74.5	63.5	237.2
25-29 years	53.1	45.1	28.7	126.8	56.2	8.3	13.5	78.0	109.3	53.4	42.2	204.9
30-34 years	39.9	26.3	21.9	88.1	44.4	5.6	7.1	57.1	84.3	31.9	29.0	145.3
35-64 years	110.3	77.3	61.6	249.2	113.9	16.6	22.1	152.6	224.1	94.0	83.7	401.8
65 years and over	19.5	27.9	28.1	75.4	13.6	*	11.3	28.5	33.0	31.5	39.4	103.9
Total	272.1	238.1	178.8	689.1	277.9	47.2	79.0	404.0	550.0	285.2	257.8	1,093.1

(a) See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (b) Comprises semi-detached houses, mobile and improvised dwellings and dwellings attached to non-dwellings. (c) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes. (d) Rent paid to employer of household head. See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (e) Includes Real Estate agents and private landlords.

TABLE 9. HOUSEHOLDS PAYING RENT : TYPE OF LANDLORD AND TYPE OF DWELLING ('000)

	State capital city				Other areas				Total			
	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (a)	Total	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (a)	Total	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (a)	Total
Rent paid to —												
Government authority (b)												
N.S.W.	19.3	9.3	5.0	33.5	23.6	*	*	29.6	42.9	12.9	7.4	63.1
Vic.	4.8	11.1	*	19.7	5.0	*	*	5.7	9.8	11.1	4.6	25.4
Qld	8.3	*	*	8.3	*	*	*	*	11.3	*	*	11.7
S.A.	6.4	2.9	21.9	31.3	4.3	*	8.3	12.6	10.7	2.9	30.3	43.9
W.A.	8.9	*	5.4	16.0	11.1	*	*	12.6	20.0	*	7.0	28.7
Tas.	1.8	*	*	3.4	3.0	*	*	3.6	4.7	*	1.9	7.0
N.T.	..	..	..	..	7.1	*	*	8.8	7.1	*	*	8.8
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	6.4	2.3	*	9.1	6.4	2.3	*	9.1
<i>Australia</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>112.2</i>	<i>63.5</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>85.5</i>	<i>112.9</i>	<i>32.7</i>	<i>52.2</i>	<i>197.8</i>
Rent paid to —												
Employer (c)												
N.S.W.	*	*	*	*	11.0	*	*	11.9	12.3	*	*	13.8
Vic.	*	*	*	*	8.0	*	*	8.7	11.2	*	*	12.3
Qld	*	*	*	*	9.0	*	*	11.0	9.6	*	*	11.6
S.A.	*	*	*	*	5.9	*	*	5.9	7.0	*	*	7.2
W.A.	*	*	*	*	12.5	*	*	15.1	13.1	*	*	15.9
Tas.	*	*	*	*	3.9	*	*	4.1	4.5	*	*	4.7
N.T.	..	..	..	..	2.0	*	*	2.0	2.0	*	*	2.0
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Australia</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>52.6</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>68.0</i>
Rent paid to —												
Other recipients (d)												
N.S.W.	75.0	109.7	34.0	218.7	52.8	19.0	20.1	91.9	127.8	128.7	54.1	310.6
Vic.	57.6	63.3	50.8	171.7	32.0	*	10.8	43.2	89.6	63.7	61.6	214.9
Qld	32.8	12.8	18.9	64.5	40.6	12.4	18.7	71.7	73.5	25.2	37.6	136.2
S.A.	20.5	9.9	19.5	49.9	10.7	*	3.4	14.4	31.2	10.2	22.9	64.3
W.A.	25.1	14.4	14.5	54.1	9.7	*	*	12.5	34.8	14.9	16.8	66.6
Tas.	4.2	2.1	2.8	9.2	6.9	*	2.2	9.9	11.1	2.9	5.1	19.1
N.T.	..	..	..	..	3.6	*	2.1	6.6	3.6	*	2.1	6.6
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	5.6	2.3	*	9.1	5.6	2.3	*	9.1
<i>Australia</i>	<i>215.4</i>	<i>212.2</i>	<i>140.5</i>	<i>568.0</i>	<i>161.9</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>60.9</i>	<i>259.3</i>	<i>377.2</i>	<i>248.8</i>	<i>201.4</i>	<i>827.3</i>
Total												
N.S.W.	95.6	119.4	39.1	254.1	87.3	22.6	23.4	133.4	182.9	142.0	62.6	387.5
Vic.	65.6	74.4	55.0	195.0	45.0	*	12.3	57.7	110.6	74.8	67.3	252.7
Qld	41.7	12.8	18.9	73.4	52.7	13.6	19.9	86.2	94.4	26.4	38.8	159.6
S.A.	28.0	12.8	41.7	82.5	20.9	*	11.7	32.9	48.9	13.2	53.4	115.4
W.A.	34.6	16.2	20.0	70.9	33.3	2.5	4.5	40.3	67.9	18.7	24.5	111.2
Tas.	6.6	2.4	4.2	13.2	13.8	*	2.9	17.6	20.4	3.3	7.1	30.8
N.T.	..	..	..	..	12.7	2.2	2.5	17.4	12.7	2.2	2.5	17.4
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	12.2	4.7	*	18.6	12.2	4.7	*	18.6
<i>Australia</i>	<i>272.1</i>	<i>238.1</i>	<i>178.8</i>	<i>689.1</i>	<i>277.9</i>	<i>47.2</i>	<i>79.0</i>	<i>404.0</i>	<i>550.0</i>	<i>285.2</i>	<i>257.8</i>	<i>1,093.1</i>

(a) Comprises semi-detached houses, mobile and improvised dwellings and dwellings attached to non-dwellings. (b) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes. (c) Rent paid to employer of household head. See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (d) Includes Real Estate agents and private landlords.

TABLE 10. AVERAGE WEEKLY RENT, BY TYPE OF LANDLORD AND TYPE OF DWELLING (\$)

	State capital city				Other areas				Total			
	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (a)	Total	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (a)	Total	Separate house	Flat/unit	Other (a)	Total
Rent paid to –												
Government authority (b)												
N.S.W.	29.35	17.53	17.15	24.28	28.93	*	*	26.39	29.12	18.21	15.18	25.27
Vic.	30.36	21.35	*	23.69	31.02	*	*	28.29	30.70	21.35	20.18	24.73
Qld	30.51	*	*	30.51	*	*	*	*	34.24	*	*	33.52
S.A.	22.72	27.94	17.28	19.40	23.57	*	20.67	21.66	23.06	27.94	18.22	20.05
W.A.	24.25	*	21.40	22.40	22.79	*	*	22.10	23.44	*	20.47	22.27
Tas.	24.45	*	*	21.61	24.24	*	*	22.15	24.32	*	12.45	21.89
N.T.	..	..	..	..	29.05	*	*	26.21	29.05	*	*	26.21
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	33.40	25.41	*	31.14	33.40	25.41	*	31.14
<i>Australia</i>	<i>27.69</i>	<i>20.58</i>	<i>18.22</i>	<i>22.93</i>	<i>28.64</i>	<i>20.64</i>	<i>17.72</i>	<i>26.07</i>	<i>28.23</i>	<i>20.59</i>	<i>18.08</i>	<i>24.29</i>
Rent paid to –												
Employer (c)												
N.S.W.	*	*	*	*	20.88	*	*	20.68	20.91	*	*	20.60
Vic.	*	*	*	*	21.03	*	*	20.42	19.61	*	*	19.19
Qld	*	*	*	*	10.18	*	*	12.00	10.60	*	*	12.25
S.A.	*	*	*	*	15.34	*	*	15.34	17.30	*	*	19.84
W.A.	*	*	*	*	13.55	*	*	12.76	13.71	*	*	13.35
Tas.	*	*	*	*	10.85	*	*	10.76	13.01	*	*	12.86
N.T.	..	..	..	..	17.90	*	*	17.90	17.90	*	*	17.90
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Australia</i>	<i>19.77</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>22.15</i>	<i>15.90</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>15.79</i>	<i>16.37</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>16.62</i>
Rent paid to –												
Other recipients (d)												
N.S.W.	47.87	50.73	50.22	49.67	32.54	38.73	38.44	35.11	41.54	48.96	45.83	45.36
Vic.	44.24	37.78	49.76	43.49	33.14	*	33.54	33.26	40.28	37.76	46.91	41.43
Qld	43.15	41.56	35.42	40.57	33.86	41.86	38.68	36.50	38.01	41.71	37.04	38.43
S.A.	38.80	35.19	32.28	35.54	22.44	*	25.76	24.36	33.18	36.38	31.32	33.03
W.A.	45.04	34.84	39.39	40.80	49.52	*	*	46.41	46.28	34.76	39.00	41.86
Tas.	45.88	38.66	41.25	42.77	36.14	*	30.38	34.74	39.84	37.64	36.48	38.61
N.T.	..	..	..	..	41.22	*	62.66	49.54	41.22	*	62.66	49.54
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	53.75	45.78	*	50.34	53.75	45.78	*	50.34
<i>Australia</i>	<i>44.95</i>	<i>44.39</i>	<i>44.27</i>	<i>44.57</i>	<i>34.41</i>	<i>40.65</i>	<i>37.51</i>	<i>36.02</i>	<i>40.43</i>	<i>43.84</i>	<i>42.23</i>	<i>41.89</i>
Total												
N.S.W.	43.77	48.04	45.83	46.10	30.10	35.72	34.86	31.89	37.25	46.08	41.72	41.21
Vic.	41.86	35.32	47.61	40.99	30.74	*	30.94	30.82	37.34	35.32	44.56	38.66
Qld	40.27	41.56	35.42	39.25	30.42	39.90	37.40	33.53	34.77	40.71	36.44	36.16
S.A.	34.69	33.53	24.75	29.49	20.67	*	22.14	21.71	28.70	34.50	24.17	27.27
W.A.	39.22	32.87	34.60	36.46	27.08	11.70	27.19	26.14	33.27	30.06	33.23	33.72
Tas.	38.45	38.69	32.41	36.58	26.36	*	25.38	26.57	30.25	37.58	29.54	30.87
N.T.	..	..	..	..	30.69	29.50	54.79	34.03	30.69	29.50	54.79	34.03
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	42.76	35.91	*	40.75	42.76	35.91	*	40.75
<i>Australia</i>	<i>41.13</i>	<i>41.81</i>	<i>38.80</i>	<i>40.76</i>	<i>29.59</i>	<i>35.62</i>	<i>32.95</i>	<i>30.95</i>	<i>35.30</i>	<i>40.78</i>	<i>37.01</i>	<i>37.13</i>

(a) Comprises semi-detached houses, mobile and improvised dwellings and dwellings attached to non-dwellings. (b) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes. (c) Rent paid to employer of household head. See paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of the explanatory notes. (d) Includes Real Estate agents and private landlords.

The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of labour force surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error. An example of the calculation and use of standard errors is as follows:

If an estimate for Australia obtained from the sample is 100,000 then the standard error is 3 900

and there are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 96,100 to 103,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 92,200 and 107,800.

4. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the per cent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of the numerator can be obtained from the table below.

5. As the standard errors in the table below show *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the table below have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

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